GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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DEPLOYMENT OF STRATEGIC WEAPONS
BRAHMANAND MANDAL

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Russia are against the deployment of strategic weapons in space under the Nuclear Missile Defence Programme of USA;

(b) if so, whether any opposition to such system has been made by the two countries; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

(a) In official communications received so far from the US, precise details about the proposed Missile Defence Programme are not spelt out. There is no official US position so far on deployment of strategic weapons in space.

(b) & (c) Do not arise.